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FILE NO **100-7617** **MM**

REPORT MADE AT HOUSTON, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 10-4-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-28 to 10-1-46	REPORT MADE BY ARDIS C. HOPPER
TITLE UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS OF AMERICA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

UNAVA still dominated in Houston area by Stato Headquarters of the Communist Party. Entiro state membership UNAVA set out.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ARDIS C. HOPPER dated 5-29-46, at Houston, Texas.
Report of Special Agent ROBERT S. KELLEY at Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-24-46.

DETAILS:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Investigation of this case in the Houston Field Division was conducted as a result of information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that the Communist Party Headquarters in Houston has been influential in sponsoring the activities of the UNAVA in the Houston area.

[redacted] advised that on the night of July 22, 1946, a meeting was held at the NAACP Hall at Houston for the purpose of making arrangements for a visit to Houston by the National Commander of the UNAVA, KENNETH C. KENNEDY, around the first of August, 1946. At this meeting on July 22 were INEZ WRIGHT, Chairman of the City Branch of the Communist Party, LULU WHITE, member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party, and KENNETH SUSSAN, member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party. At this meeting it was decided to get all the veterans of World War II together at a meeting during KENNEDY's visit to Houston. It was pointed out that this meeting should be held under the auspices of the UNAVA, but that the Communist Party would use the meeting for the distribution of Communist literature in the interest of the advancement of the colored people.

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has gotten the impression that organizing chapters on a citywide basis is the important thing. He states that this will obtain members more readily and start the ball rolling in terms of dues payments.

As a further indication of the influence of the Communist Party in this organization is a letter dated 7-16-46 from J. D. BAKEFIELD, Regional Director, to W. H. CRAWFORD, State Negro Organizer for the Communist Party. This letter states in part, "I am scheduled to go to Calvert, Texas, the fourth Sunday coming to set up a veteran's organization. Will you go along with me? My real interest now is hearing from you and SMITH about the papers. Please let me hear from you early. I would like to get something done on incorporating our state very soon now. The National Office is anxious to hear about it".

The SMITH referred to in this letter is ROBERT L. SMITH, of Houston, Secretary of the Texas Provisional Committee, UNAVA.

On October 1, 1946, [redacted] furnished the following list of members of the UNAVA. This list was obtained from the Texas State Headquarters of the Communist Party, 305 Hermann Building, Houston, Texas. It will be noted that the addresses for some of the members set out in this list are addresses outside the state of Texas.

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Fred W. Estes
Augustin Estrada
Claude B. Wair
W. H. Crawford
Samuel W. Katz
Ellwood Griscom
William Weiner
Jesse G. Thompson
Robert V. Toussaint
Tom Friedman
B. A. Adams, Jr.
Lyman Ripperton
K. C. Stanford
Oliver C. Sutton
R. L. Smith
Sam Edwards
Jack Frye
J. D. Bakefield
Leroy Singleton
Preston Williams
Mosos Johnson
Howard Sampson
Scott Mills
Earl Sampson

Dallas, Texas
Dallas
Houston
Houston
San Antonio
Austin
Austin
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Houston
San Antonio
Austin
Houston
San Antonio
Houston
Dallas
Houston
Galveston
Highlands
Goose Creek
Baytown
Baytown
Baytown
Baytown

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T/4 Boswell Buchanan
Sgt. Alfred E. Crain
S/Sgt. Arthur Baker
M/Sgt. Frank L. Ferguson

Julian Garfield
Jessie Isabella
Rev. E. Floyd
A. L. Clark

George Deanne
Ruben Hall
Fred Johnson
Barry Eliee
Walter Lawrence

X Howland Ware
E. C. Collins
Robert Emerick
M. M. Taylor
Mrs. Rachel Wells
Miss Marie Lilli
Mr. Edward Cot
Sgt. Spingarn B. Ankley
Pvt. Eugene Chase

O. C. Horton
Ozell P. Henry
Vernon C. Asford
Lamar Anderson
M. Sellers

Malcolm Jenkins
Charles E. Talbert
Leo Baker

Pvt. Ernest Petrie
Sgt. Howard Dr. Cash
PFC Sherwood Brewer
Cpl. John Reeves Wright
Cpl. Earnest C. Withers

Mrs. Hazel Wright
Miss Claudine Leigh
Miss Montrose Wilson

Wm. P. Brooks
Miss Harriet Dawkins
Miss Jimmie Lee Burgess
Miss Unica Thompson

John T. Fields

Jackson, Miss.
New York City

New York City,
e/o Morrow Worth Store

Chicago, Illinois
Baltimore, 17, Md.
San Francisco 15,
California

Lawrenceville, Penna.
Philadelphia, Penna.
Plainfield, N.J.
Washington, D.C.

Brooklyn, New York
Washington, D.C.

Bastrop, Texas
Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Alexandria, Louisiana
Alexandria, Louisiana
Kansas City, Mo.
Alexandria, La.

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b7C -3 Baltimore, Md.

Evansston, Illinois
Washington, D.C.

Des Moines, Iowa
Buffalo, New York
Philadelphia, Penna.
Springfield, Mass.

New York City
Berkley Be-0667
Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Memphis, Tenn.

Chicago, Illinois
Indianapolis, Ind.

Memphis, Tenn.
Camp Livingston, La.
Atlanta, Georgia

Washington, D.C.
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New Orleans, La.
Pensacola, Fla.

USO Club
Philadelphia, Penna.

1062 Manassas St.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will through confidential sources keep advised of the activities of the UNAVA in the Houston area and the Communist influence in this organization.